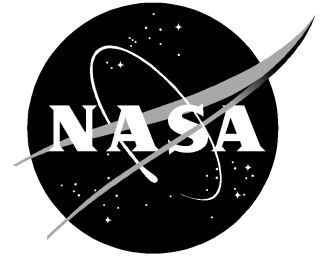


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NASA Langley's "CONNECT" TV series wins Emmy

NASA Langley Research Center continues to produce award-winning educational programs for students and teachers around the world with their NASA CONNECT TV series. On June 30, 2001, NASA CONNECT was recognized with a Regional Emmy for "Best Children's Program" from the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, at a ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona.

This is the third Emmy Award for the television series, produced by NASA Langley's Office of Education. NASA CONNECT partnered with Wyoming Public Television and the Mountain Plains Distance Learning Consortium and featured Native American middle school students from the Wind River Indian Reservation in Fort Washakie, Wyoming in the winning episode.

Part of the focus for the 1999-2000 season of NASA CONNECT was to feature Native American schools engaged in math, science and technology activities. In the show, students created models of the universe and learned how to measure and calculate the number of galaxies in the universe. Other lessons were taken from the Hubble Space Telescope, with help from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and the Maryland Science Center.

"The Emmy Award is only proof of the quality work we are putting out here from Langley" says Bill Bensen, producer for NASA CONNECT. Along with Bensen, Jennifer Pulley, coordinating producer and co-host, and Bob Starr, segment producer, are a large team of television production and educational specialists who work with local and national teachers, students, and parents to make up each NASA CONNECT television program.

"Every member of the CONNECT team gives 110 percent for every show," says Pulley, a former fourth grade teacher, "and receiving a prestigious Emmy award confirms that we are doing our very best and being recognized for it." Designed to enhance math, science and technology concepts, NASA CONNECT is unique in that it makes math fun. "How many shows produced today can say they enhance mathematics concepts in middle school students and keep the students motivated to watch at the same time!" says Pulley.

Since its inception in 1996, NASA CONNECT has reached over nine million students worldwide and about 200,000 educators and parents are registered users. For more about this Emmy award-winning series and to see what's scheduled for the new season, visit <http://edu.larc.nasa.gov/connect>.

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